

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and original claims. For example, support for claims 107-109 and 112 can be found in, e.g., paragraphs 84-85 and 94 of the specification. Support for claim 110 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 118. Support for claim 111 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 96. Support for claim 113 can be found in, e.g., paragraphs 95 and 98. Support for claim 114 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 105. Support for claim 115 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 95. Support for claim 116 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 98. Support for claim 117 can be found in, e.g., paragraphs 101 and 105-109. Support for claims 118-119 can be found in, e.g., original claim 1, step a and paragraph 96. Support for claims 120-121 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 111. Support for claim 122 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 73. Support for claims 123-124 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 124. Support for claim 125 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 160 and example 2. Support for claim 126 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 19. Support for claims 127-128 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 125. Support for claim 129 can be found in, e.g., paragraphs 127-129, example 1. Support for claim 130 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 125. Support for claim 131 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 128. Support for claim 132 can be found in, e.g., paragraphs 95 and 98. Support for claim 133 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 105. Support for claim 134 can be found in, e.g., paragraphs 84-85 and 111. Support for claim 135 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 85. Support for claim 136 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 84. Support for claim 137 can be found in, e.g., paragraph 98. No new matter is added with this Amendment.

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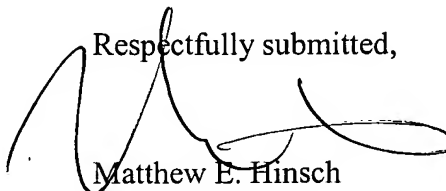
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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